

IMPORTANT DATES FOR BIDDERS

March 4, 2005 Bid Opening

There are five important dates that bidders must be aware of when planning to bid on projects advertised by the Illinois Department of Transportation. Those dates for the **March 4 Letting** are as indicated below:

PREQUALIFICATION

Any contractor who desires to become prequalified to bid on work advertised by IDOT must submit the properly completed prequalification forms to the Bureau of Construction no later than 4:30 p.m. prevailing time twenty-one days prior to the letting of interest. This prequalification requirement applies to first time contractors, contractor renewing expired ratings, contractors maintaining continuous prequalification or contractors requesting revised ratings

The prequalification cut-off date is 4:30 p.m. prevailing time **February 23, 2005**. Also, to be eligible to bid, existing prequalification ratings must be effective through the date of letting.

JOINT VENTURES

Prequalified contractors wishing to combine bidding capacity and bid items as joint ventures must submit the appropriate properly completed forms no later than 4:30 p.m. prevailing time, seven (7) days prior to the letting date. The required joint venture forms are the "Request for Authorization to Bid/or Not for Bid Status" (BDE 124INT), the ORIGINAL "Affidavit of Availability" (BC 57) and the ORIGINAL "Certificate of Joint Venture" (BC 2267).

The Joint venture cut-off date is 4:30 p.m. prevailing time **February 25, 2005**.

REQUESTS FOR AUTHORIZATION TO BID

Contractors wanting to bid on items included in a particular letting must submit the properly completed "Request for Authorization to Bid/or Not for Bid Status" (BDE 124INT) and the properly completed ORIGINAL "Affidavit of Availability" (BC 57) to the proper office no later than 4:30 p.m. prevailing time, three (3) days prior to the letting date.

The Authorization to Bid request cut-off date is 4:30 p.m. prevailing time **March 1, 2005**.

SUBMITTAL OF BIDS

The time and place of letting is always listed in the Transportation Bulletin. The March 4, 2005 Letting will be held at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time in Training Room B (Lower Level) of the District 1 Office located at 201 West Center Court, Schaumburg, Illinois.

No bid will be accepted unless delivered prior to the time specified in the Transportation Bulletin. Bidders submitting bids by U.S. Mail or courier are cautioned to allow sufficient time for delivery to the Schaumburg Office. The Bid Drop Box will be located in the Executive Office, 4th Floor, 201 West Center Court, Schaumburg, IL.

DBE UTILIZATION PLANS

Projects requiring DBE participation require the AS-READ-LOW-BIDDER to submit the required utilization plan to the Bureau of Small Business.

The cut-off date for the submittal of required DBE utilization plans is **4:00 p.m. Monday, March 7, 2005**.